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EVANSVILLE, Ind. – A hospital collapsed today, following a massive earthquake that rocked Southern Indiana and Illinois.

It is not known at this time how many people were trapped inside Evansville Deaconess Hospital. Some patients were evacuated to St. Mary's Hospital. Communications in the area are still out, so additional information is not available.

Two earthquakes ripped thru the Southern United States this morning. A 8.5 magnitude temblor struck 40 miles South of Marked Tree, Tenn., at 10 a.m., followed by a 6.2 magnitude along the Wabash Valley Fault, in Illinois. The twin quakes damaged buildings, roads and bridges, knocked out telephone, cable, cellular and Internet services.

All 94 Indiana Counties issued Disaster Declarations, Gov. Mitch Daniels declared a State of Emergency for the State and the Pres. Barack Obama also issued a Federal Disaster Declaration.

An emergency declaration, this means a county board of commissioners has determined that conditions are such that emergency services may not be provided to the public in a timely fashion, and may be significantly delayed. A county emergency declaration initiates county emergency plans, and allows additional resources to be provided by the state to assist local response efforts.